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## **Christie Administration Announces Camden County Vocational School District to Receive \$909,950 Through Schools Development Authority's Regular Operating District Grant Program**

Furthering the Governor's commitment to providing the state's children with safe, modern and efficient schools, the Christie Administration today announced that the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) has executed four state grants to the Camden County Vocational School District through the SDA's Regular Operating District (ROD) grant program.

The details for the district grant are as follows:

Projects:

Camden County Technical Vocational School: 1) Replace entire roof on Buildings 9, 10 and 11 at the Sicklerville Campus; 2) Replace emergency generators in Building 3 and Building 5 to power emergency lighting for Gloucester Township Campus, install new emergency generator in Building 4 to power gym, cafetorium and kitchen to support the use of the Sicklerville Campus as an emergency shelter; 3) Install air conditioning to auditorium and stage areas; 4) Install new generator and new electrical systems in the main academic building.

State share: \$909,950

Local share: \$697,450

Estimated total project cost: \$1,607,400

SDA Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins, in cooperation with the Department of Education, announced the resumption of the grant program in May 2010. Since then, the SDA has executed 649 grants. The state-grant program funds at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the RODs, addressing health and safety issues, student overcrowding and other critical needs.

The Department of Education selects school projects to receive grant funding from the SDA. The State has provided nearly \$190 million in grants to local districts since the May 2010 announcement, leveraging projects estimated at a total of more than \$415 million. Funding for the program was made available through the sale of \$500 million in bonds by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA).